

AGENDA ITEM #4B

January 26, 2006

Honorable Tom Torlakson
State Senator, District Seven
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Torlakson:

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62 - California Delta Trail

The Delta Protection Commission (Commission) was created in 1992 pursuant to the Delta Protection Act to oversee and promote the preservation and enhancement of agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational resources in the Delta.

In 1995 a Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone (Management Plan) was prepared and adopted by the Commission. The Plan sets out findings, policies, and recommendations resulting from background studies in the areas of environment, utilities and infrastructure, land use, agriculture, water, recreation and access, levees, and marine patrol/boater education/safety programs.

The rich cultural heritage, strong agricultural base, and vast opportunities for recreational enjoyment of the Delta are recognized in the Management Plan as warranting preservation, enhancement and recognition. Also identified is the importance of continuing and expanding education of local and regional populations about the cultural and historic heritage of the Delta in order to bring attention to the area as a community and regional asset.

The Commission acknowledges your proposal for the development of a Delta Trail as a way to accomplish the goals and recommendations of the Management Plan in the areas of environment, land use, and recreation and access. The Commission also looks forward to the opportunity to assist you in the facilitation of a collaborative process for developing a trail that takes into consideration input from those that live, work, and play in the Delta.

Sincerely,

Mike McGowan, Chair

cc: Chair, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Chair, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Chair, San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
Chair, Solano County Board of Supervisors
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors